

Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 COME-00 EB-08 /019 W
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R 301317Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1512

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DEPT FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, KU
SUBJ: DIGITAL EQUIPMENT COMPANEY (DEC) INQUIRY RE BOYCOTT
"WARNING LIST"

REF: STATE 185660

1. NEITHER DEC MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE NOR ANYONE ELSE FROM DEC CONTACTED EMBASSY RECENTLY. EMBASSY DID NOT RPT NOT "CONFIRM DEC WAS ON KUWAITI WARNING LIST".

2. WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHAT "WARNING LIST" DEC IS TALKING ABOUT. NOTIFICATION OF "WARNING" FROM KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE, GIVING NAMES OF COMPANIES WARNED, IS INTERMITTANTLY PUBLISHED IN KUWAIT'S OFFICIAL GAZETTE, KUWAIT AL-YOUM, AND REPORTED BY EMBASSY WHERE U.S. FIRMS INVOLVED. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY NOTICE AGAINST DEC IN KUWAIT AL-YOUM OVER PAST FEW MONTHS.

3. IF DEC WERE "WARNED" BY KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE, IT WOULD HAVE FIRST RECEIVED A LETTER OF INQUIRY FROM BOYCOTT OFFICE WITH A QUESTIONNAIRE. FAILURE TO REPLY TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD PLACE DEC IN JEOPARDY OF BEING "WARNED". IF BOYCOTT OFFICE PLACES DEC ON "WARNING LIST" ANY GOK MINISTRY OR AUTHORITY WILL
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BE PRECLUDED FROM ACCEPTING ANY DEC PROPOSAL UNTIL DEC CLEARED.

4. SALE OF GOODS IN KUWAIT NORMALLY REQUIRES THAT PRODUCER HAVE A LOCAL AGENT. DOES DEC HAVE A LOCAL AGENT? IF SO, DISCREET INQUIRIES BY LOCAL AGENT COULD BE USEFUL APPROACH, WITH THE OBVIOUS CAVEAT THAT CONTACTING KUWAIT'S BOYCOTT OFFICE MAY ONLY BE INVITING TROUBLE. IF DEC IS "WARNED" IT WILL KNOW.

UNTIL SUCH TIME, STRIKES US BEST APPROACH IS TO LEAVE WELL
ENOUGH ALONE.
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